

## ADDITIONAL JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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MR. GRAHAM, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 3251]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill H. R. 3251, after hearing and consideration report favorably thereon with amendments, and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The committee amendments are as follows:

Strike out sections 2, 3, and 4 of the bill.

There is at present one judge in the middle district of Pennsylvania. It has a population of approximately 2,000,000 people. In the eastern district, with a population of 3,287,781, and in the western district, with a population of 3,444,852, there are three judges each.

There has been a steady increase in the number of cases pending in this district, and it is the general opinion of the bar that there is a necessity for the immediate appointment of an additional judge.

The hearing shows that on June 30, 1924, there were 3,355 cases pending in this court.

The bill has the indorsement of the Department of Justice, and under date of April 19, 1924, the Attorney General wrote the committee as follows:

A survey of the existing congestion in the various judicial districts in the United States reveals that but 12 districts have greater congestion than the middle district of Pennsylvania, and that 8 of these 12 districts were afforded relief under the act of September 14, 1922. As the number of pending cases is constantly increasing and as there seems to be no prospect that the assignment of outside judges will furnish more than temporary aid, provision for an additional judge should be made, and I so recommend.